

CZAR'S POLICY BRINGS HOPE.

RUSSIA'S INTERNAL SITUATION SEEMS TO IMPROVE.

If Legislative Assemblies Have Been Succeeded, as Reported, the Present Regime May Be Saved—Renewed Talk of Peace in High Financial Circles.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, May 6.—The latest policy of the Czar in the past few days encourages considerable optimism in regard to the internal situation of Russia. The news of the granting of legislative assemblies, especially to the Old Faith followers, is, of course, explained by the offer of great financial support to the Government by its wealthiest leaders.

The escape from serious violence during the Easter holidays save for the massacres in Poland is regarded on the whole in a favorable light. To-day's news of the imperial sanction granted for the creation of two national legislative assemblies in the coming autumn, one of which will be entirely representative, will, if confirmed, arouse hopes for the salvation of the present regime which nothing else could effect.

There come to-day also renewed reports of the tendency of the Russian authorities toward peace. These rumors find some credence in high financial circles in London. But it is impossible to trace them to an authoritative source. They sufficed to check the downward tendency of the market soon after the opening, but direct Russian advices contain no hint of a change in the announced determination to pursue the war to the bitter end.

There is reason to believe that King Edward discussed peace possibilities in great detail with Foreign Minister Delcasse in Paris on Thursday. The King sent for Lord Lansdowne, the British Foreign Minister, as soon as he arrived in London and there was a long consultation. It is no secret that his Majesty is desirous of seizing any opportunity to bring the war to an early conclusion.

PARIS, May 6.—A dispatch to the *Echo de Paris* from St. Petersburg says that the return of the Russian Board of Trade show that in April the imports decreased 1,898,837 rubles, while the exports increased 206,141 rubles.

RUSSIAN DESTROYERS RAIDING.

They Are Preying on Shipping Off Coast of Japan.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
TOKIO, May 6.—Four Russian torpedo boat destroyers are preying on Japanese shipping off the coast of Japan. Yesterday they fired on several sailing vessels and left one of them in flames. Four sailors were rescued from the vessel, but no further particulars of the affair have yet reached Tokio.

The vessel burned was the *Yawata Maru*, 198 tons.

The destroyers appeared off the coast of southwestern Hokkaido, nearly opposite Vladivostok, and must have come from that port. After making the attacks on the sailing vessels they went northward. Fog in the afternoon prevented further observation of them.

Hokkaido or Yezo is the northernmost of the Japanese islands. The Sangari or Tuguru Strait separates it from the main island of Nippon.

The appearance of Russian torpedo craft in the Japan Sea may indicate that the Russian fleet is preparing to raid along the Japanese coast.

HARBIN A VAST HOSPITAL.

50,000 Wounded Russians There on March 28, an English Surgeon Reports.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, May 6.—A traveling correspondent of the *Lancet* who was present during the retreat from Mukden and reached Harbin at the end of March, writes that in spite of his knowledge of the Russian language and the scarcity of medical men, which made any assistance valuable, his English origin always made him a subject of suspicion. He had great difficulty in getting to Mukden, though the German and French medical men were allowed to go there.

On March 28 the hospital at Harbin contained 20,000 wounded. The city was one large hospital. The Red Cross Society with 27 hospitals was trying to cope with the situation, but its efforts were minimized because the Russian army officers were at loggerheads with the Red Cross staff.

MAY RECALL KUROPATKIN.

Reported He'll Quit the Command of the First Manchurian Army.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, May 6.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the *Exchange Telegraph* Company says that Gen. Kuropatkin will be recalled and that Gen. Samoiloff will replace him in command of the First Manchurian Army. Gen. Kuropatkin has been serving under Gen. Linavitch since he quit as Commander-in-Chief.

At Tzaranko-Selo yesterday the Czar, addressing 1,500 cadets of the Military College, who had been promoted to be officers, said that the promotions had been made four months earlier than usual owing to the heavy losses in officers in Manchuria.

JAPS TO INVADE SAGHALIEN.

Report That a Move Against the Island Will Be Made Soon.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, May 7.—A dispatch from Tientsin to the *Weekly Dispatch* says it may be stated on high authority that the Japanese invasion of the island of Saghalien has been planned for the middle of May.

FLEET SIGHTED AGAIN.

Some Russian Ships Off Vanong and Others Near Three Kings Island.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
HONGKONG, May 6.—The steamer *Taig-tau*, which arrived here to-day, reports that she sighted twenty-one vessels of the Baltic fleet off Vanong, Indo-China, and fourteen cruisers off Three Kings Island on May 3.

New Russian Battleship Ready.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
St. Petersburg, May 6.—The battleship *Slava* left the dock to-day and is ready for service.

The *Slava* is a ship of the same type as the *Borodino*, Emperor Alexander III. She is 13,515 tons. She has a complete belt of Krupp steel, 8 inches thick amidships and tapering to 4 inches at the ends. Her major battery consists of four 12-inch guns and twelve 6-inch quick-firers.

WEAR CRINOLINES NEVER!

English Women Rise Against Threatened Revival of Old Fashion.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, May 6.—Mrs. Arthur Stannard, better known as John Strange Winter, the novelist, has to the already countless women's leagues added yet another. She has discovered that Paris threatens society with nothing less awful than a revival of crinolines. Horrified and alarmed, Mrs. Stannard has written to the newspapers calling upon the women of Great Britain to arouse themselves and avert the awful fate which is threatening them.

Twelve years ago, she says, she only stopped a revival of this evil by getting 21,000 women to write post cards pledging themselves to oppose the wearing of crinolines, and she now wants 12,000 women to write post cards offering to join a non-crinoline league.

According to Mrs. Stannard the women must not be blamed for the danger now facing them. It is to man and his vile lust for money that the shame belongs. Twelve years ago, it seems, the tyrant man decreed a revival of crinolines, and factories actually started to make steel hoops. For a time the outlook was black, but Mrs. Stannard's gallant 21,000 won in the end and the men lost their money. Now we are told that they are determined to recoup themselves, believing that there is money in the notion and convinced that, once the fashion is set, every woman will follow. This is the reason for Mrs. Stannard's crusade.

The *Spectator*, discussing this topic, expresses a wish for the success of Mrs. Stannard's crusade. It says it hopes that in a short time it will be possible to say without fear of contradiction that crinolines are not only dead, but damned. But it confesses to some misgivings on this point. It points out the "undertone of real concern, almost helplessness, in a certain phrase" in Mrs. Stannard's letter, and says it is lamentable to have to confess that the crinolines are right in the conviction that every woman will follow a fashion once it is set, for the fact of a fashion being extremely hideous has never yet prevented women from following it.

PLANNED REVOLT IN BRAZIL.

Spaniard Arrested as Ring-leader—12,000 Recruited Abroad to Form Rebel Army.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
MADRID, May 6.—At the request of the Brazilian Ministry the police to-day arrested Sarrion de Hererra, ex-King-at-Arms of the royal palace, on the charge of conspiring against the Brazilian Government.

A search of the prisoner's residence resulted in the discovery of a number of documents containing commissions of several officers who had been selected to form an army and establish the independent South American Republic of Chumal. It appears that already nearly 4,000 men have been recruited in Great Britain for the army and the same number each in France and Spain, making 12,000 in all. It was intended that the Spanish contingent should be commanded by numerous Spanish officers, some of whom are on active service in the army of Spain, but most of whom are reservists.

It is believed the plot was hatched in cooperation with certain individuals in London, where funds for the movement were deposited in an English bank.

BIG PRICES FOR ANTIQUES.

Third Day's Sale of the Capel-Cure Collection in London.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, May 6.—At the third day's sale of the Capel-Cure collection a life size terra cotta bust of the Roman Emperor Vitellius sold for \$24,700; a bust of Alessandro Vittoria, modeled in terra cotta by himself, for his own tomb, prepared in 1671, for a life size terra cotta bust of Cardinal Antonio Grimani, \$10,500; a terra cotta plaque, with the head of Brunelleschi, attributed to Donatello, 15th century, \$17,850; a Castel-Durante diad, painted with a pastoral scene, eighteenth century, and one painted with a figure of St. Francis, \$9,400; a pair of statues, attributed to Alessandro Vittoria, sixteenth century, representing Melchisedek and Malchias, 14 inches high, \$9,975; a bronze inkstand, in the center of which is a seated figure of Dante, \$13,650.

ACCOMPLICE OF BRESCI CAUGHT.

Bions, a Pal of King Humbert's Slayer, Arrested.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
ROME, May 6.—An accomplice of Gaetano Bresci, the anarchist who assassinated King Humbert at Monza in 1900, has been arrested at Cairo.

He is the famous Bions, who was at Monza on the day the crime was committed. When he was arrested he was disguised as a priest. He has been in Zanzibar, where he turned Mohammedan.

TELEPHONE COMBINE.

Independent Companies Getting Together to Compete with the Bell Company.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
ROCHESTER, May 6.—Annetoomer was made in Buffalo this week that the Consolidated Telephone Company had bought the Frontier Telephone Company, which has been in operation about two years in competition with the Bell company. The Consolidated is a "holding" company, with a capital stock of \$10,000,000, and controls the Rochester Telephone Company, which is the main competitor of the Bell company in long distance business in western and central New York.

The announcement of the combination followed close on the incorporation of the Independent Telephone Securities Company, promoted mainly by Rochester capitalists, which has secured control of all of the independent lines in six counties—Ontario, Herkimer, Oneida, Lewis, Jefferson and Oswego, including the Utica exchange. The capital stock of the Independent Securities Company is \$800,000, but it has been authorized to make a mortgage of \$15,000,000 to a Rochester Trust Company to secure a bond issue of equal amount to be used in the acquisition of other independent lines throughout the State.

The new company is in reality a "holding" company, controlling, but not operating, the systems directly. Negotiations are now under way for the merger of the Rochester Telephone Company, the Bell's competitor in this city, with the Independent Securities company. When this is accomplished it is expected that an effort will be made to combine with the Consolidated, which has just bought the Independent company in Buffalo. One of the Rochester interests is said:

"Now there are practically only two companies in the State, outside of New York city, in control of the independent companies. At present there are two of the friendliest business relations, so that both are able to compete on even terms with the Bell company for long distance business. The next step is inevitable. The two controlling companies will get together within a very short time, and all the independent lines in the State will be managed from one center."

The independent telephone business has grown from the beginning in 1897, when some of the Bell patents first began to expire, to one of the largest commercial interests in the country. It is said that there are more than 7,000 independent telephone exchanges in the United States, embracing a capitalization of \$250,000,000 and operating 2,500,000 telephones. It is particularly strong in the Middle West, where telephone systems have reached a higher state of development than in the East.

WOMEN SUFFER NEEDLESS MISERY.

There are hundreds of thousands of Women in America suffering from Female Diseases, endangering their lives by doing nothing. If they write to me I will give them the benefit of my extensive experience.—S. B. Hartman, M. D.

IN view of the great multitude of women suffering from some form of female disease and yet unable to find any cure, Dr. Hartman, the renowned gynecologist, has announced his willingness to direct the treatment of as many cases as make application to him during the summer months without charge.

The treatment will be conducted by correspondence.

The medicine prescribed can be obtained at all drug stores.

The Doctor will prescribe all medicines, applications, hygienic and dietary regulations necessary to complete a cure. Furthermore, all correspondence will be held strictly confidential.

This offer will hold good only during the summer months. Any women can become a regular patient by sending a written statement of her age, condition of life, history and symptoms of her derangements, and previous treatment.

Pe-ru-na Brought Health and Happiness.

Miss Nellie South, late of Manchester, Eng., writes from a Prince Arthur St., Montreal, Can., as follows:

"Pe-ru-na has made a wonderful change in my life. It has brought me health and happiness."

"Since my seventeenth year I have had female complaint and irregularities. My general health suffered, I had pains in my back and lower limbs, my eyes were dim, and I became morose and unreasonable."

"Mother sought the advice of our family physician, who prescribed for me, but I grew no better."

"I then read of Pe-ru-na and procured a bottle. That one bottle was worth more than all the doctor's medicine I had taken previously."

"I cannot express my gratitude. Pe-ru-na has been a great blessing to me."—Nellie South.

Extremely Nervous, Cured by Pe-ru-na.

Miss Edna Moore, 46 Elm street, Buffalo, N. Y., Secretary East End Literary Association, writes:

"I was a great sufferer from systemic catarrh, was extremely nervous, could not sleep, fainting easily, was very irritable, had a confusion of the senses, and got up in the morning feeling more tired than when I went to bed."

"I was very wretched, but upon taking Pe-ru-na I began to improve, and after using the medicine four months, I felt like a new woman and was completely cured."—Edna Moore.

The principal remedy which Dr. Hartman relies upon in curing catarrh diseases of women is Pe-ru-na. Hundreds of women sufferers find Pe-ru-na a household necessity.

Cured by Dr. Hartman's Treatment.

Miss Emeline A. Huberkorn, 2751 Gravois Ave., St. Louis, Mo., writes:

"For over two years I was troubled with catarrh of the pelvic organs. I wrote to the Doctor and began taking treatment. I now enjoy as good health as ever."

One public house keeper refused to give a quart of beer for seventeen of the coins. One workman got fifty of the coins and tried in vain to get four shillings for the lot, but the landlady would have nothing to do with the coins.

Meanwhile a few which had been dropped in Kensington were taken to a jeweler who identified them as guineas, spade guineas, half guineas and seven shilling pieces of the time of George III. This news reached Fulham eventually with the result that in a few hours no trace of the coins could be obtained except a few which had been retained by the carter and which he took to the police court.

The police have now warned jewelers and pawnbrokers against purchasing the coins, the ownership of which lies either in the Crown or in the ground landlord.

FRANCE'S VAST ART TREASURES.

They Are Estimated at \$1,200,000,000.—Are Being Inventoried.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.
LONDON, May 6.—The French prefects have received instructions to make inventories of the art treasures of all the prefectures. The exact value of these is unknown, but it is immense, and has been computed at \$400,000,000, reckoning only the reliques, pictures, tapestries and things of like kind.

If the statues, altars, stained glass windows, etc., are included, it is estimated that the figure will reach \$1,200,000,000. The treasures in one small church in the Department of Aveyron, which were on view at the exposition of 1900, drew an offer of \$60,000 from a syndicate.

At Beauvais the tapestry in one room in the Bishop's palace is worth \$60,000. The Rheims Cathedral has one reliquary worth \$60,000. The present Duke of Norfolk's father offered \$800,000 for the chasuble and stole of Becket, which are preserved in Paris.

Dental Trip Japan Made a Protest.

SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCH TO THE SUN.

PARIS, May 6.—The report that the Japanese Government has made a protest against French violation of neutrality is denied. All the Russian warships have now cleared from French waters.

MISS ANGELINA GROTTOS, 305 St. Urban street, Montreal, Can., writes:

"Having heard Pe-ru-na praised so highly induced me to try it for my cold, and indeed in the course of while I had been suffering for months. It took nearly three bottles to cure me, but I consider that was but a short time, as I have often taken doctors' prescriptions for months before I got relief."

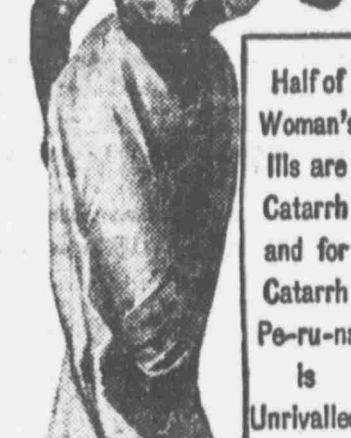
As is well known, Dr. Hartman is the President of the Hartman Sanitarium, an institution which has a department devoted to the treatment of female diseases.

He is thus brought to see thousands of such cases every year, the most of whom return to their homes to be treated by correspondence.

Those wishing to become patients should address Dr. S. B. Hartman, President of the Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, Ohio.

All letters will receive prompt and careful attention.

Half of Woman's Ills are Catarrh and for Catarrh Pe-ru-na is Unrivalled.



MISS EDNA MOORE, 46 ELM ST. BUFFALO, N. Y.

We have on file thousands of testimonials like the ones given here. We can give our readers only a slight glimpse of the vast array of unsolicited endorsements we are constantly receiving. No other physician in the world has received such a volume of enthusiastic letters of thanks as Dr. Hartman for Pe-ru-na.

DYING AND DESERTED CHILD.

Negroes Arrested at Norfolk Don't Know Who She Is.

Susie Edwards, the negroes who sailed on the Old Dominion line for Norfolk, Va., on Friday afternoon, leaving on the pier a ten-year-old colored girl who soon fell into coma, was arrested at Norfolk on the arrival of the steamer yesterday. The child died at the Hudson street hospital on Friday night.

Dr. Weston made an autopsy yesterday, but was unable to determine the cause of death. He sent the child's stomach to a chemist, and made several cultures from the brain and spinal cord to determine if the child had not been stricken with meningitis.

The child was in the company of two colored women on the dock previous to the sailing of the Jefferson. One of these women, Susie Edwards, went aboard the boat, and the other, who did not sail, the police have been unable so far to obtain any trace. She is believed to be the child's mother. Susie Edwards was employed as a servant by a family in Babylon, L. I., until a few days ago.

NORFOLK, Va., May 6.—Susie Edwards says she did not know the child. Her statement is that a colored woman, a stranger, who said she intended to send the child to Norfolk, met her on the pier and said: "Please take care of the little girl and I'll get something to eat."

Susie said she had never seen the woman or the child before, and did not speak to her, except to ask if she were not afraid to send the child to a game alone. The woman answered that friends would meet the child there.

YOUNG BALLPLAYER KILLED.

"J. A. N. C. C." Stamped on the Sweatband of His Hat.

A young man was killed shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon while attempting to board a moving train on the Brighton Beach Railroad at the Woodruff avenue station in Flatbush. Carrying a baseball bat in one hand and a mitt in the other he reached the platform, just as the train was moving out on the way to Coney Island.

He tried to jump on the front platform of the rear car, but stumbled and missed his footing. He clung to the railing and was dragged along nearly fifty feet before he dropped to the track. He was dead when picked up. His head was crushed.

The young man, who is supposed to have been returning from a game of ball in the Prospect Park grounds, was about 20 years old, 5 feet 8 inches tall, had on a dark coat, dark striped trousers and a white sweater. The initials "J. A. N. C. C." were stamped on the sweatband of his black derby hat. Edward J. Wanner, the motorman, was arrested.

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EMBROIDERED ALL-OVERS—20 and 22-inch Cambric and Nainsook English Eyelet Embroidered All-Over—regular price \$1.50 per yard, at 90c

EMBROIDERED ALL-OVERS—40 and 42-inch Cambric and Nainsook Broderie Anglaise, Open-work Embroidered All-Over—value \$4.25 to \$5.25 per yard, at \$2.85

WASH LACES—In all the desirable makes and styles of edgings, insertings and galloons—value 15c to 25c per yard, at 8c and 10c

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